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REPORT OF NCAER REGARDING ANGANWADI KENDRAS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a survey conducted by the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) has found that most of the Anganwadi Kendras lack the basic infrastructure like buildings, drinking water, toilets, weighing machines, tumblers and plates to feed children in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government has issued any directions to the State Governments in this regard; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by the State Governments to provide better infrastructure facilities in these Anganwadi Kendras?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH)

(a)&(b) The draft Report of Rapid Facility Survey on Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS) infrastructure submitted by National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) in December 2004 has, inter-alia, brought out that:

-• More than 46% anganwadis were running from pucca building, 21% from semi pucca building, 15% from kutcha building and more than 9% running from open space.

-• More than 45% anganwadis have no toilet facility and 40% have reported the availability of only urinal.

-• 27% anganwadis have reported that they do not have any drinking water facility, 39% anganwadis have hand pump as the drinking water facility.

-• Nearly 50% anganwadis reported availability of mats, shelf, table, chair, a national flag, vessels files, records, health, cards, building blocks, counting frames, toys, books, scissors, stove and spoons.

(c)&(d) Guidelines have been issued to all the States/UTs, in consultation with Department of Drinking Water Supply, for providing safe drinking water and sanitation facilities in Anganwadi Centres through Accelerated Rural Water Supply Scheme and the Total Sanitation Campaign. Construction of 20,000 Anganwadi Centres which include child friendly toilet has been sanctioned i n North Eastern States. 24,456 Anganwadi Centres with toilet and drinking water facilities are also being constructed under the World Bank Assisted ICDS-III Projects.

For furniture and fixtures, including utensils, funds are being provided by the Government of India.